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1. MISSION HAS DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REFTEL WITH SECRETARIAT (SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ECONOMIC ADVISER, MARRIS AND SENIOR COUNTRY STUDIES OFFICIALS), SPECIFICALLY THE DESIRABILITY OF USING MULTILATERAL FORA TO EMPHASIZE NEED FOR FUNDAMENTAL STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN JAPAN'S ECONOMY. MARRIS WAS ON MISSION TO JAPAN IN MID-MARCH AND ON HIS RETURN REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS. VAN LENNEP WILL VISIT JAPAN IN MAY (PROBABLY THIRD WEEK) TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR OECD MINISTERIAL (JAPAN IS IN THE CHAIR) AND WILL PROBABLY ALSO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS.

2. EDRC REVIEW OF JAPANESE ECONOMY WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 19. SECRETARIAT TEAM WILL VISIT JAPAN SECOND WEEK
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OF MAY TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR ITS DRAFT SURVEY. PER PARA. 2. REFTEL, MISSION BELIEVES SECRETARIAT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE MISSION, PARTICULARLY IF WE CAN DRAW ATTENTION TO ISSUES WHICH DESERVE SPECIAL STUDY. SECRETARIAT IS AWARE OF VARIOUS USG ASSETS (E.G., EPA'S MODEL OF JAPANESE ECONOMY) WHICH

COULD HELP ANALYZE JAPANESE PERFORMANCE AND WE MAY
RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM THEM IN THIS REGARD. IF WASHINGTON
AGENCIES HAVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THEY WISH SECRETARIAT
TO POSE TO JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, SUCH QUESTIONS MUST
BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT BEFORE APRIL 15 TO BE
INCLUDED IN THE SECRETARIAT'S FORMAL QUESTIONNAIRE.
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